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Chas. F. Loomis,  
200 E. Avenue 43,  
Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Mr. Loomis:

I thank you for giving me the opportunity to subscribe to "Flowers of Our Lost Romance". I enclose \$3.00 for two copies, one of which I intend to send to the desert province of Atacama in Chile, where the old Spanish culture lingers and where perhaps it may awaken memories and echoes.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

*Bailey Willis*

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Feb. 9, 1934.

Dr. Bailey Willis,  
Carmel, Cal.

Dear Dr. Willis:

That is more than just a new subscriber-- it sets many chords to vibrating. I understand you are a son of H. P. Willis, one of the idols of my youth, and a joy in older years. I have cherished for decades the First Edition of his "Pen Points", and in a slow adjustment of my affairs recently bequeathed it to my daughter who shares my tastes. For a couple of years in Chillicothe, Ohio, I edited the old "Scioto Gazette" founded by your great-grandfather.

So I have taken the liberty to autograph one of the two Books. If this spoils it for you let me know, and you shall have an unscratched one. It is interesting to know that one of your copies is to go to the Deserts of Atacama. No one there may know these precise Songs-- but they will all recognize the Strawberry Mark. I am having great joy not merely in saving these Flowers of our Lost Romance, but in getting them to bloom again in the hearts of our countrymen, and I would sooner preserve one of them thus, as a living, flowering thing, than the several hundred that I shall ultimately put as pressed flowers between the leaves of a volume, useful to museums and the folklorist.